

Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine & Gold Fever Rock Shop

May 1, 2004 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

A thrush whistles upwind signaling a weather change in Montana. Eighty degree weather and fierce winds, advance warnings of another snow storm, bring drastic weather swings. Intense snow storms the following day, closed two highways into Helena, Montana with zero visibility. Puffy clouds swirled around the valley, sweeping ground and canyons with snow.



Meanwhile – back at the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine – we are busy putting in pop and vending machines getting ready for tours and tourists. The chipmunks and squirrels are bustling around the pine trees. Flowering cherry trees and raspberry brush shook off the snow and thrive despite the chill.

Cass is repairing the screen in our trommel machine so the sapphire gravel does not fall onto the ground.



We decided to move the equipment away from the cliff side. Spring time repairs are in progress. Deb will let you know when newly mined material is ready for sale. Our Pea Gravel Pit Monster Mines are still available. Mike from Helena found an twenty six carat dark blue sapphire Sunday in this material.



Russ finished digging to the bottom of the ancient waterfall with the excavator. We were very interested to see what was at the bottom – or where the bottom was – thirty feet later – nothing but pure sand – he hit bedrock. Fist sized pieces of hematite line the ridge and rows of boulders lie in terraces along the road to Cactus Hill. We have sand.

While they last – one free box of Winter

Garnet Gravel with your order for one regular Spokane Bar Monster Mine until May 15th. The four by four inch box of garnet gravel comes with a strawberry red faceted garnet either round or heart shape. Obviously – winter is about over so time for a seasonal change (can't wait)! Remember



to mention this special in your order comments at www.sapphiremine.com or when you call us at 1-877-dig gems.

Those still interested in the Discovery Channel, *Hunt for Amazing Treasures* program “*Fortunes Abound*” aired May 1, 2003 can still inquire about a rerun next quarter. The Discovery Channel said to call their office the second week in June for details. Their phone numbers are 1-859-342-8439 or alternate 1-212-548-4987.

Thank you for your interest in sapphire and gold mining.

Sincerely,

Deb and Russ Thompson and staff at the Spokane Bar Sapphire Mine

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